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TITLE: OPTO-MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A GARNET  
FERRITE RECORDING LAYER, AND OPTO-MAGNETIC  
INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING DEVICE  
EXAMINER: Bernatz, Kevin M.  
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**APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on  
February 26, 2004, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of all pending claims (i.e. claims  
3-12). Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set  
forth in the Notice of Allowance. However, Applicants point out that the reasons for  
allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as  
set forth in the Notice of Allowance, and that additional reasons for allowability may


exist, each of which may be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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